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(Faculty of Applied Communication)

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9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This question paper consists of **THREE (3) pages**.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in **Section A** and **B**.
3. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: ESSAY QUESTIONS [40 MARKS]

Instructions: Answer **ALL** questions. Your answer should **NOT** exceed 300 words. Give a conclusion to your argument.

Question 1

Sarah thinks that our children today are spoiled as they are given too many "trophies" and awards in events and competitions, even just for participation. Benjamin on the other hand, thinks that there is nothing wrong with awarding children for effort made as it boosts confidence and encourages them.

Who do you agree with more and why? You may add your own arguments.

(20 marks)

Question 2

Foundation in English students should be required to read at least one book a month. Discuss your viewpoint about this opinion.

(20 marks)

SECTION B: SUBJECTIVE QUESTIONS [60 MARKS]

Instruction: Answer **ALL** questions in this section. Detailed elaboration is required. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

Question 1

Consider this list of 8 words:

chair, 9, clock, tissue paper, joy, computer, doughnut, helicopter

a. Write a short visual word association story that helps you memorise these eight words. Provide enough details for visualisation.

(12 marks)

b. Identify and briefly describe **THREE (3)** memory devices you can use for the number and the abstract word.

(3 marks)

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Question 2

Read the following passage and develop notes on it using the Cornell Note-taking System.

Pale Blue Dot is a photograph of planet Earth taken on February 14, 1990, by the Voyager 1 space probe from a record distance of about 6 billion kilometers away. The resulting photo shows earth as a tiny dot in space, and inspired the speech below.

"We succeeded in taking that picture [from deep space], and, if you look at it, you see a dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever lived, lived out their lives. The aggregate of all our joys and sufferings, thousands of confident religions, ideologies and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilizations, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every hopeful child, every mother and father, every inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every superstar, every supreme leader, every saint and sinner in the history of our species, lived there on a mote of dust, suspended in a sunbeam.

The earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that in glory and in triumph they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of the dot on scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner of the dot. How frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds. Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the universe, are challenged by this point of pale light.

Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity — in all this vastness — there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves. It is up to us. It's been said that astronomy is a humbling, and I might add, a character-building experience. To my mind, there is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly and compassionately with one another and to preserve and cherish that pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."

- Carl Sagan, speech at Cornell University, October 13, 1994

(15 marks)

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Question 3

Reading is an activity that all university students have to perform. You will often be required to read books or sections of books in order to find or research new informatoin.

a. Briefly describe how reading works in terms of the eyes and the brain. (5 marks)

b. What are **FIVE (5)** things we can do to practice faster reading? (5 marks)

c. How do we apply Daniel Webster's way of reading (pre-reading)? (5 marks)

Question 4

You have been informed that this final examination will contain two essay questions on critical thinking and structure questions. In your preparation for this test, what strategies did you learn that you can apply for:

a. effective essay writing in examinations? (10 marks)

b. moving systematically through examination questions? (5 marks)

End of Paper